

## ARREST MITCHELL AS CHECK-FLASHER

Jewelers Identify Him as Man  
Who Defrauded Them on  
Ring Deals.

### CLAIMS HE IS INNOCENT

Captain McMahon Doubts The-  
ory, However, That He Rob-  
bed Jeweler in Salem.

Just as he was preparing to make another departure, Wharton Mitchell was arrested yesterday morning in his parents' home at 1025 E. Third Street as the man who had defrauded J. J. Spilling, jeweler, of 521 East Broad Street, out of a diamond ring valued at \$105, who had obtained \$50 from the Broad Street Bank by means of a forged check, and who had attempted to pass a check for \$50 on Schwarzschild Brothers, jewelers, of 123 East Broad Street.

Mitchell denied guilt and said that he had never seen Mr. Spilling, when the jeweler positively identified him as the man who had defrauded him. The prisoner was equally ignorant of the identity of W. H. Schwarzschild, who identified him as the young man who had attempted to pass a check on his firm, and he repudiated E. Vall, with whose name he is alleged to have made so free. Mitchell showed no signs of perturbation, taking his arrest and accusation in so serious charges rather as a matter of course.

**Came Back Sunday Night.**  
But Captain McMahon, who had been made cognizant of the young man's movements and had kept trail of him, has no doubts as to his guilt, and the others concerned are equally assured that Mitchell is a flimflammer of the first water. The captain of detectives received word yesterday morning that Mitchell had returned to the city Sunday night, and he sent Detectives Wiley and Kellam out to catch him. They found him at home, preparing to leave, and offered another check for \$50, a like amount, but the ink was scarcely dry, and the paying teller, E. L. Word, became suspicious and went back to examine the books to see if the signatures corresponded. When he returned Mitchell had disappeared, and he did not return.

**Didn't Wait for It.**  
At Schwarzschild Brothers' he is alleged to have offered a \$50 check in payment for a diamond ring, the check bearing the signature of W. L. Mitchell. The clerk who waited on him asked for his address and told him the ring would be sent by messenger. The check was found to be worthless, and Mitchell did not return to see what had become of it.

Then he called on Mr. Spilling, to whom he told a tale so smooth that all doubt was at rest, and for a valuable check for \$105 he got a handsome diamond ring. Detective Sergeant Wren found the ring in a pawnshop, where Mitchell is alleged to have pawned it for \$55.

Mitchell, who is twenty-two years old, gave his occupation as a carpenter. Though the transactions were similar, Captain McMahon believes that Mitchell is not the man who defrauded J. A. Thomas, a jeweler of Salem, out of diamond rings valued at \$52.75, and two rings valued at \$53.75, and received the change. The check was found to be worthless, and Mr. Thomas went to Roanoke and notified the police there of the transaction. He read in the Times-Dispatch the story of the fraud practiced by Mitchell, and wrote to him, asking co-operation in catching the crook, giving an account of how he was duped by the wary, smooth-tongued stranger. But the description he gave does not correspond with that of Mitchell.

However, there is hope that his efforts may be rewarded, for Captain McMahon is confident that Mitchell is the man who defrauded J. A. Thomas.

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Mahon is inclined to believe that Frank-  
lin I. Plishon, now under arrest in Bal-  
timore for passing worthless checks,  
is the man who checked one out on  
the Salem jeweler. Plishon was once  
employed in Richmond by the T. T.  
Adams Hardware Company, with of-  
fices in the Mutual Building. He is al-  
leged to have deposited checks for sev-  
eral hundred dollars belonging to his  
company in the American National  
Bank to his own account about two  
years ago, and then to have drawn on  
them. The bank, through civil pro-  
ceedings, had to pay the loss of the  
hardware company. From here Plishon  
went to Canada, where worthless  
checks brought him conviction and two  
years in prison. It is not known  
whether he served his time, but he is  
now boarding with the police in Bal-  
timore. The description sent by Mr.  
Thomas corresponds with that of Plishon,  
and it will soon be determined  
whether Plishon has also gone into the  
jewelry business on original plans.  
Also the American National Bank  
will try to see, probably, if Plishon may  
not be induced to come to Richmond,  
under police protection, to explain his  
transaction.

## APPLE-GROWERS ADVISED TO HOLD

Low Prices Offered Not Justified  
by Government Crop Re-  
ports.

Urging the fruit growers of Virginia  
not to dispose of their apples at the  
ridiculously low prices now being of-  
fered by certain buyers, Commissioner  
of Agriculture George W. Kolner yes-  
terday made a statement in which he  
predicted that they will be selling at  
from \$3 to \$4 a barrel by December 1.  
Further, he believes that the prices  
now offered are far below the actual  
selling figures on the Northern mar-  
kets.

Mr. Kolner is informed that in Au-  
gusta county a week ago there were  
a score of buyers offering around \$2.50  
a barrel, which is regarded as a fair  
price. Now he learns there is but one  
and he is talking \$1.50. This leads Mr.  
Kolner to believe that there has been a  
combine to force down the price on  
these farmers, who are not informed as  
to general crop conditions and as to  
the status of the market.

From reports on the New York mar-  
ket the commissioner learns that New  
York apples are selling at \$3 per bar-  
rel, and that the price for the  
product of one orchard there which  
had 6,000 barrels. The Shenandoah  
Fruit Growers' Association has sold its  
apples in New York within the past  
day or two at from \$2.75 to \$3.75, and  
Albany pippins have brought \$1.  
The foreign market is also good and  
the demand firm.

To clinch his argument to the effect  
that \$1.50 a barrel is evidently a man-  
ufactured price, Mr. Kolner points to the  
United States government crop reports  
as of September 1. These show that in  
the country at large there is only 46.3  
per cent. of a full crop.

In the opinion of the commis-  
sioner, if not that prices will be good  
during the autumn and winter months.  
He hopes that no farmers will be in-  
duced to part with their crops at any  
such prices as that indicated.

Unfortunately, there are few or no  
apples in the southwestern part of the  
State, but in the Valley and in fact,  
almost everywhere else in Virginia, the  
crop will be large. In Augusta and  
Frederick it is believed, the yield will  
be more than 100 per cent. The total  
for the State, as given by the crop re-  
port, is 75 per cent., against only 44  
per cent. on the same date last year.

To further illustrate the point, it is  
found that in some of the largest apple  
growing States the crop will be exceed-  
ingly small, including a good market  
ahead. In New York there will be  
40 per cent.; in Pennsylvania, 37; in  
Ohio, 34; in Indiana, 34; in Michigan,  
22; in Missouri, 35; in Kansas, 70.  
In Illinois the crop is almost a total  
failure, since there will be only 7 per  
cent. of the normal yield.

Taking the largest producing States  
by sections, it is found that the yield  
in the group composed of Minnesota,  
Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South  
Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas is 88  
per cent. For Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,  
Michigan and Wisconsin it is 28 per  
cent.

Only in the Pacific region, far from  
the Eastern markets, is the crop bet-  
ter than in Virginia.

**OLD TIME TOURNAMENTS  
COME AGAIN INTO FAVOR**

Recent Spiced Events at Mount Zion

in Essex County in Which

Many Notable Performances

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fredericksburg, Va., September 19.—

Tournaments, an old popular sport of

years ago, are coming in favor again

in this section. An interesting one

was held at "Mount Zion" the home

of Fulton and Fitzhugh Catlett in  
upper Caroline county, a few miles  
from this city, in which a number of  
knights participated. The contest was  
spirited. Nelson Gordon, "Knight of  
Won't Tell," crowned Miss Nettie Cor-  
bin Marye, of this city, Queen of Love  
and Beauty; Halsey Dickinson, "Knight  
of Woodland," crowned Miss Jamie  
Houlware, of Richmond, first maid of  
honor; Dr. Sale, "Knight of Corbin,"  
crowned Miss Kelly, of "Prospect  
Hill," second maid of honor; Mr. Sad-  
ler, "Knight of Racefield," crowned  
Miss Sale, of Baltimore, third maid of  
honor. The tournament was followed  
by a dance, which was continued  
through the greater portion of the  
night. It was an enjoyable event.

At another tournament held a few  
days ago in Essex county ten knights  
competed. They were: George D.  
Ellis as Knight of Lloyds, William L.  
Ellis as Glenwood, William P. Ellis as  
Old Dominion, Stanley Gresham as  
Champlain, W. E. Sale as Catch 'Em,  
Landridge Sale as Chest 'Em, Boyd  
Tallaferro as The Hills, Pat Waring as  
Loretto, H. L. Newbill, Jr., as Mon-  
tagues, Bunley Newbill as Centra  
Cross. After the tournament, at the  
residence of R. L. Ellis, Miss Nell Hill,  
of King William county, was crowned  
Queen of Love and Beauty by the  
Knight of Glenwood; Miss Beth Segar,  
of Spotsylvania, first maid of honor,  
by Lloyds; Miss Judith Tallaferro,  
second maid, by Montagues, and Miss  
Imogene Ellis, third maid, by Knight  
of the Hills. After the coronation the  
knights and their lady friends danced  
the quadrille, cotillon and the Old Vir-  
ginia Reel until the early hours of the  
next morning. A bountiful supper was  
served.

Edward Roberts, of Orange county,  
aged 18 years, was killed a few nights  
ago at Madison Run station, in that  
county, by being struck by a fast  
Chesapeake and Ohio train.

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## AROUND THE HOTELS

"I see no adequate reason for tam-  
pering with the Constitution," said  
William M. McAllister, of Warm  
Springs, at Murphy's last night. Mr.  
McAllister has served several terms in  
the Legislature, and has very pro-  
nounced ideas on the subject. He is  
a member of the State Democratic  
Committee.

"I expect to vote against all the  
proposed amendments," said Mr. Mc-  
Allister. "I believe that officers  
should be made to settle their ac-  
counts properly, and I further believe  
that the best way to accomplish this  
is to force them to settle every four  
years by electing somebody else. I do  
not favor the proposition that they  
should succeed themselves indefinitely."

Speaking from his own legislative  
experience, Mr. McAllister does not  
believe that public business would be  
facilitated by increasing the length  
of the sessions of the General As-  
sembly from sixty to ninety days. He  
thinks that the affairs of the Legis-  
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**DECLARES MURDERED  
YOUTH WAS HER SON**

Lynchburg Woman Thinks Body Found  
at Fort Myer Was That of  
Herbert Lohwasser.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., September 19.—Al-  
though the victim has been identified  
as a Philadelphian, Mrs. J. B. Lohwas-  
ser, of 1209 Knight Street, declares the  
youth who was found murdered near  
the signal corps station at Fort Myer,  
Va., on the night of September 18, is  
none other than her son, Herbert. The  
woman, who bemoans her son's death,  
thinks the identification of the body  
may throw some light upon the mur-  
der, and she has communicated with  
authorities at Alexandria.

Herbert Lohwasser, aged eighteen, a  
bookbinder, working in Baltimore, has  
certainly disappeared, and the marks  
of identification sent out last Tuesday  
night by the Associated Press con-  
firm strictly to this youth. The boy,  
regular with his letters to his mother,  
has not written since September 18,  
and a very effort to locate him in  
Baltimore has failed.

When seen to-night Mrs. Lohwasser  
was relieved, and up to 9 o'clock had  
been able to keep her fears out of the  
press. The family has a large connec-  
tion in Petersburg and Richmond.

**Called to Greensboro Church.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Roanoke, Va., September 19.—Rev.  
W. F. Powell, pastor of Calvary Bap-  
tist Church, this city, has received a  
call from the First Baptist Church at  
Greensboro, N. C. He has not an-  
nounced his decision, and his congre-  
gation will endeavor to retain him  
here. He is a native of North Carolina,  
and came here three years ago.

**Accident Proves Fatal.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Roanoke, Va., September 19.—At-  
tempting to board a fast freight train  
on the Norfolk and Western Railway  
Sunday, while it was speeding between  
Lithia and Nace, near Roanoke, Gor-  
don Young, of Fernum, was fatally  
injured. He died in a few hours. He  
was seventeen years old.

## SHADOW OF 1912 CAST PALL OVER THEIR MEETING

(Continued From First Page.)

applied, however, only to the New  
York situation. Mr. Barnard said to-  
night that he did not believe Mr.  
Roosevelt would be a candidate in  
1912.

Colonel Roosevelt left Oyster Bay  
bright and early this morning. He set  
out in the little 27-knot speed Tarpon  
for Bridgeport. For a time the sea  
was choppy, and it is said there was  
danger of foundering. Speed had to  
be reduced to a minimum. Stamford  
harbor was made finally, and then  
there was a change to automobile.

The conference, held partly during  
luncheon, lasted a little more than an  
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